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THE CENSOR.

THE news that snow is falling in the American sector, that ninety earloads of Christmas presents were on time, but a few earloads were not, and the bare announcement that certain soldiers fell in action—such is the news we are getting from our large army in France. Surely the censor could be lightened without giving information to the enemy and surely a few more details of the brave part our boys are taking in the war would raise the morale of the people that must stay at home. The number of American fighters at the front is censored, yet the German general staff must have a pretty clear idea of how many there are and where they are. The announcement yesterday that furloughs have been denied all American soldiers and officers may mean little, and it may portend early action for a great part of them. If so, let us hope that the censor sees fit to trust the American people with all those details of it, the publication of which would not disclose anything of military value to the enemy.

A SHREWD MOVE.

CUNNING Germany is playing a clever game in this new peace offensive. Russia has become practically a mediator between Potsdam and the entente allies. The acceptance of the Bolshevik terms of no annexations and no indemnities (also endorsed by President Wilson in his message) was a bold stroke. But there is a big string on it. "Make your allies accept it first," say the Central Powers to Trotsky. Buried in it is a grim threat. If the entente rejects the Bolshevik overtures, the kaiser may annex a large slice of Russian territory. Trotsky, forgetting that his "government" had deserted the entente, would raise a howl that the diplomatists of France, England and the United States will act cautiously, meeting shrewdness with shrewdness, and in rejecting the German peace make it very clear to Russia that to deal at all with the ruling Junkers of Germany would be to renounce the very first consideration for which the democracies of the world are battling. Trotsky has declared the Russian revolution will fight if the peace terms of Germany are "offensive." He will soon have opportunity to prove how accurate a prophet he is.

LEARNING THRIFT.

MANY a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American nation of the war savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone, but of the nation. The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary. We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons, we are saving now from patriotism, saving not alone for ourselves, but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed, going to make the war savings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous benefit to millions of citizens, it is going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense, and patriotism.

It is pointed out by the treasury department that thrift stamps are not made redeemable in cash for the reason that these stamps are simply intended as a convenient method for the small savers to accumulate enough to purchase war savings stamps, which bear interest and are redeemable in cash.

In addition, to provide for redemption of these thrift stamps would involve such an amount of detailed accounting and labor and expense as to impair the practicability of their use. In fact, they would be more trouble and expense to the government, possibly, than they are worth.

THE DEMAND FOR SILVER.

WHEN silver was demonetized the reason assigned was that the metal was so easily procured that it had lost its value as a money metal. The result of demonetization was to put out of business all but the very richest silver mines, since which time the demand has been supplied easily from the silver produced as a by-product of refining copper and other metals.

Now there is a demand for silver which cannot be satisfied. It comes from countries where paper irredeemable in anything is the only circulating medium, whose people want silver, which has some intrinsic value. It is also required by our own government and our associates for disbursement in silver-using countries. The Orient cannot get enough of it, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

If silver is so badly needed, the obvious way to get it is to encourage production. This will be accomplished by allowing those who will pay most to get it. If, as is still claimed by some, silver can be got too easily, the surest way to keep the price down is to let production take its natural course under the stimulus, or lack of it, of good prices. It would not be a calamity to mankind should silver regain and keep its old rate of parity with gold, of which, at present, there is no sign. Artificial prices of anything make trouble.

Silver producers everywhere are now hesitating whether to resume mining or not. From Canada comes the statement that the Cobalt Mining companies, which are large producers of silver,

are hesitating whether to increase or restrict production. Which they will do depends on the price fixed for silver, if it is to be fixed, and 90 cents an ounce will not induce them to get particularly busy.

Conditions now are very different from those existing in 1873. Great as has been the increase in the production of gold, it is now nowhere a sufficient base of the unheard of volume of outstanding credits. In most belligerent countries there is frank abandonment of the attempt to redeem any credit in gold, and, unless redeemed in gold it is not redeemed in anything.

And the most unrepentant goldbug cannot but confess that redemption in silver is better than no redemption at all.

DESPITE THE WAR 1918 WILL BE A YEAR OF SPORT ACTIVITIES

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Although Mars is making up the schedules and occupying the box office, spring sports on the Pacific bid fair to go along with the same old swing of yore.

The swimming fans may expect to see Miss Fannie Durack, the wonderful Australian swimmer, contesting for the elusive 500-yard title with the Frances Cowells and the Mabel Greens of the Pacific slope. There is talk already of importing fast swimming teams to Honolulu and vice versa. Although Pacific coast conference regattas have been cut down in numbers, the trackmen will more than make up for the dearth of rowing. The basketball artists of Stanford university and the Universities of California and Nevada and many minor institutions are already whipping a schedule into shape.

Baseball will continue to be a major sport in the colleges despite the draft. It is figured that the re-entrants forced on the professional leagues by the war will make the fans all the more anxious to turn out to the college and other amateur games. What the Pacific coast conference will do in regard to baseball has yet to be announced, but a lively season in this sport is expected.

(By Associated Press.)
 SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Captain Ernest "Tramp" Murphy of the 1917 University of Washington football team was voted the Flaherty medal at the end of the season by his teammates. The trophy is awarded annually to the man who has been the greatest inspiration to the squad during the season.

(By Associated Press.)
 PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29.—The fact that the managers of the Pasadena rose carnival were obliged to call on a navy versus army team as the stellar football attraction this year is considered the best evidence of the fact that the colleges and universities have been denuded of their best players. In the past the Pasadena contest has been between teams of the East and West holding good records for the season's games played.

Many followers of football regret the fact that the marine team at Newport, R. I., captained by "Cupid" Black, the former Yale university captain, was not selected to meet the marines from Mare Island at Pasadena. Black's team is reputed to be among the strongest organizations in the East and a game against the western stars would have made an ideal contest.

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—With the substitution of Sacramento for Portland in the Pacific Coast league, the organization will save thousands of dollars in car fares. Salt Lake City now remains the only long jump, but the attendance

at the games there has more than compensated for the heavy cost of transportation. This, it is said, was not the case at Portland, where bad weather also cut deeply into the receipts during the earlier part of each season.

(By Associated Press.)
 FORT BLISS, Tex., Dec. 29.—Many soldiers of the El Paso district are planning to attend the return football game between the El Paso district team and the Camp Cody team, which will be played at Deming, N. M., New Year's day. The first game was played here Thanksgiving day under the auspices of the war service board of El Paso before a crowd of more than 10,000 people. The fireworks display, which was given in the El Paso stadium recently for the entertainment of the district soldiers by the war service board, will be repeated there on New Year's night for the soldiers of Camp Cody.

PARENT TREE DYING.

(By Associated Press.)
 RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 29.—The original Washington navel orange tree, planted here four-four years ago, producer of the first navel oranges grown in the United States and parent of millions of trees now growing in California, is believed to be dying. Horticultural experts have begun efforts to diagnose the disease that threatens it in the hope of prolonging its life.

This tree, the most noted in the citrus industry of the state, came originally from Bahia, Brazil. It was planted here in 1873 by Mrs. C. L. Hibbetts, who obtained it from the botanical gardens in Washington.

BIG COAL SHIPMENTS.

(By Associated Press.)
 ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 29.—The Eka Creek coal mine in the Matanuska district shipped over 3,124 tons of coal during October. Development of Alaskan coal field is proceeding rapidly, owing to better facilities for mining and transportation.

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GOATS ARE FIREMEN.

(By Associated Press.)
 EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Goats are a means of fire prevention in the national forests. W. R. Chapline of the United States forestry service told the executive committee of the National Mohair Growers' association, which was in session here recently. Mr. Chapline gave the committee an outline of the facts as he had developed them in extensive studies of the use of goats in the forest reserves. His theory was advanced to the goat growers was that the mohair growing animals would keep the undergrowth grazed so closely the danger of fires spreading from tree to tree through the medium of this undergrowth would be eliminated. He also urged mohair goat breeding on the forest reserves as a means of increasing the nation's food supply in war time.

SMUGGLING INCREASES.

(By Associated Press.)
 EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Petty smuggling has increased greatly, the authorities here say, since the food embargo was put into effect on all shipments to Mexico. Mexican wagon drivers have been found with sacks of sugar concealed in a false bottom of their wagons. Women have been discovered smuggling small articles of prohibited food in their waists, while every bale of hay and sack of grain is searched by soldiers at the bridge for contraband articles. The food embargo has proved a severe hardship upon the Mexicans in Juarez, who depend upon El Paso stores for their supplies.

BORDER PIONEER DEAD.

(By Associated Press.)
 EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Another Texas border character died here recently in the person of George Herold, Confederate soldier, Texas ranger and veteran police officer. Herold claimed credit for the killing of Sam Bass, the notorious Texas outlaw, about whom a popular chanty of the cow camps was composed by some cowboy band. He also defended the city jail when it was attacked by negro soldiers of the Fort Bliss command many years ago. He carried six bullet wounds as trophies of his experiences on the border and in the Civil war.

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PUEBLO DANCING.

(By Associated Press.)
 LAS CRUCES, N. M., Dec. 29.—The Pueblo Indians of the Tortugas settlement, near here, have completed their Saint Guadalupe day dances in the doorway of an old adobe church which squats at the feet of the giant tortuga (turtle) which is a landmark in this valley.
 The ceremonies incident to the dances started early in the day and ended in a climax of dances at night. The top of the church was covered with sacks filled with sand in which candles burned. The Indians with their faces painted and wearing bright ribbons, assembled in the churchyard around a painting of Saint Guadalupe, the Indian priest said a prayer and the dancing started. The Indians take turns at the dance, so that it is continuous for hours. Many Americans attended the dances.

\$128 A TON.

(By Associated Press.)
 SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Salt at \$128 a ton and coal at \$80 is the standard price in Iceland, according to statements made before the Seattle Chamber of Commerce at a recent trade discussion by R. Sigtrig, who is here endeavoring to establish relations between Iceland and this port. He asserted that high prices are not conducive to crime as there had not been an arrest for crime in Iceland in thirty-eight years.

GAME IS SCARCE.

(By Associated Press.)
 ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 29.—Game of all kinds is reported unusually scarce this year along the government railroad line. Rabbits

and ptarmigan are very seldom seen in any part of this section. Two years ago both rabbits and ptarmigan were extremely abundant, the latter appearing in the foothills in conveyances of tens of thousands. The reason for the present scarcity is unknown.

CUT OUT BUFFET CARS.

(By Associated Press.)
 MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Ste. Marie railroad will discontinue the use of observation, buffet, smoking and library cars shortly after January 1, according to announcement made here. A similar announcement was made by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad yesterday.

MUCH COTTON SOLD.

(By Associated Press.)
 HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 29.—Seventy-seven thousand bales of cotton were sold here yesterday when the market reached 30 cents, middling basis. The sale established a record for price and quantity.

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